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**Financial Assistance to Municipalities**

2664. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Assam regarding financial assistance to certain Municipalities in the State for providing civic amenities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) Provision of civic amenities is the responsibility of the local bodies concerned. These local bodies formulate their schemes in consultation with the State Governments concerned. State Governments on their part render assistance to the local bodies under various schemes and also through borrowing from financial institutions like HUDCO, LIC, etc. Government of India plays only a nodal and catalytic role.

However, under the Centrally sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT), against the allocated number of 2 towns for coverage during the period 1996-98, the Government of Assam have submitted the project reports for 3 towns, namely, Goal Para, Rangia and Barpata. The State Level IDSMT Sanctioning Committee had approved the proposals in respect of Goalpara and Rangia. Accordingly, the allocated Central grant of Rs. 60.00 lacs (Rs. 35 lacs and Rs. 25 lacs for Goalpara and Rangia respectively) was released to the State Government.

As regards the project proposals for providing drinking water facility in various towns received from the Government of Assam, and the action taken thereon, the details are attached as statement.

**Statement**

*Under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme applicable to towns having population below 20,000 (as per 1991 census), detailed project Reports (DPRs) in respect of 9 towns have been received from the Government of Assam. The names of the towns and the estimated cost of each water supply schemes is given below :-*

| S.No. | Name of Town | Project cost (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Namrup | 135.31 - Sanctioned |
| 2. | Sonari | 297.24 - Sanctioned |
| 3. | Balashbari | 110.84 |
| 4. | Bilasipara | 354.84 |
| 5. | Sarthebari | 133.17 |
| 6. | Vazira | 338.24 |
| 7. | Gossaigon | 309.98 |
| 8. | Lakhipur | 213.88 |
| 9. | Bihupuria | 218.00 |

Out of these, scheme for Namrup town at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.35 crores and for Sonari town at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.97 crores have already been approved against the national outlay. Approval of other schemes under the programme will depend on the availability of funds under the programme during the 9th Five Year Plan.

**Petroleum Plants**

2665. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of places where Bharat Shells Limited has set up its petroleum plants in different States;

(b) whether permission has been granted to set up Rs. 150 crores marine platform for handling hydrocarbon, petro-chemicals and LPG import terminal at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the total capacity of this platform; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Bharat Shell Limited has commissioned a Lube Oil Blending Plant at Taloja near Mumbai in January 1997.

(b) State Government of Andhra Pradesh has given, inprinciple, approval for the BSL's proposal to construct a marine platform to handle hydrocarbons, fertilisers, petrochemicals and LPG imports at Kakinada. BSL has submitted to the State Government a Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) for this proposal in February 1997.

(c) and (d) The proposed marine platform has been designed with a capacity to handle ships ranging from 5000 DWT to 25,000 DWT. The platform will be completed in 24 months after receipt of all Governmental, environmental and corporate approvals.

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**Urbanised Areas**

2666. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of villages adjacent to Delhi declared urbanised by the Government upto January 1997; and